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COURTER ELECTED CIVIL AIR PATROL NATIONAL COMMANDER

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. - Maj. Gen.-elect Amy S. Courter of South Lyon, Mich., was elected national commander of the Civil Air Patrol by vote of the National Board, CAP's governing body.

Courter's primary duty will be to lead CAP's volunteers in fulfillment of the organization's three congressionally chartered missions: emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education, as well as CAP's increasing role in America's homeland security. The national commander is also a member of both the CAP Board of Governors and CAP National Board - CAP's governing and advisory bodies.

The election took place during the 2008 Civil Air Patrol National Board and Annual Confer-

ence Aug. 7 at the Gaylord Palms Resort, Kissimmee, Fla. She will be promoted Aug. 9.

Courter currently serves as CAP's interim national commander, a position she has held for a year. She also serves as national vice commander.

Courter joined CAP's Michigan Wing in 1979 and most recently served as chair of the CAP Professional Development Committee. She served as commander of the Michigan Wing from 1999 to 2002 and as the female senior adviser to the CAP National Cadet Advisory Council.

As wing commander, Courter focused on membership retention, funding, training and aircraft utilization. Under her leadership, the wing received all four of the Great Lakes Region's

national program awards. She was founder and commander of the Michigan Wing Legislative Squadron, and Michigan became the second wing in the nation to have all congressional legislators join CAP. She also helped found and has directed the nationally recognized CAP Civic Leader-

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Maj. Gen. Amy S. Courter

COMMANDER'S CORNER

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM). Civil Air Patrol is an NPM Coalition Member again this year, and wants to encourage all members and their communities to be better prepared for emergencies. NPM is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and is a nationwide effort to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes,

businesses and schools as part of the Ready Campaign. Throughout September DHS will work with a wide variety of organizations like Civil Air Patrol to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness planning.

This year there are again four main focus areas for NPM.

- Get a kit
- Make a plan

- Be informed
- Get involved

There are many opportunities to participate in NPM, and we encourage all members to check out all the tools and ideas available at <http://www.ready.gov/>. We hope you have a safe and educational National Preparedness Month.

AMY S. COURTER
Major General, CAP

GROUP 2 NUMBERS:

- Senior Members : 186
- Cadets: 163
- Total Members: 349
- This information is as of 31 August 2008.

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ship Academy, which gives cadets an in-depth hands-on understanding of government.

Courter has completed all levels of the CAP Senior Training Program, having received the Garber, Loening, Yeager and Wilson awards. She has received numerous CAP honors, including the Distinguished Service Medal with two clusters, National Commander's Commendations and Exceptional Service, Meritorious Service and Commanders Commendation awards.

Courter is a graduate of Kalamazoo College, where she earned a

bachelor's degree in psychology, with secondary school teaching certification in psychology, computer science and mathematics.

In the mid-2005 Courter began a sabbatical after 20 years - most recently as vice president of Information Technology - with Valassis, a global billion-dollar marketing services company based in Livonia, Mich. While at Valassis, she expanded the IT department into a business, rather than just a support group, by developing business-to-business applications that generated revenue.

Courter has been honored as one of "Crain's Detroit Business" top "40 under 40" and was named as an "Outstanding Young Michigander" by the Jaycees. She also received the "Premier 100 IT Leader" award from "Computerworld" in 2001 and the "Top Michigan Woman in Computing" award from the Association for Women in Computing in 2003.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 56,000 members nationwide. CAP performs 90 percent of continental U.S.

inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 103 lives in fiscal year 2007. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the nearly 22,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for more than 66 years.

SEPTEMBER SAFETY BRIEFING—BACK TO SCHOOL

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 22 /PRNewswire-US Newswire/ -- With the dawn of a new school year, PennDOT is reminding motorists to be alert for school buses and students on their way to and from school.

"Back to school is an exciting time for students, and we want to ensure that everyone reaches their destination without incident," said PennDOT Secretary Allen D. Biehler, P.E. "Motorists need to take the added precaution of watching for students boarding and exiting buses, respecting school crossing guards and obeying traffic laws regarding school buses and school zones."

Pennsylvania's school bus stopping law requires motorists approaching a school bus with its red lights flashing and stop arm extended to stop at least 10 feet from the bus. Motorists approaching from all directions

are required to stop. However, motorists who encounter a school bus stopping on the opposite side of a divided highway are not required to stop; lanes of a divided highway are clearly separated by a divider such as concrete barriers or grassy medians.

Motorists convicted of violating Pennsylvania's school bus stopping law face a \$250 fine, five points on the driver's record and a 60-day license suspension.

Other areas requiring motorists' full attention are school zones. Motorists are required to slow down to the posted speed limit of 15 miles per hour in school zones. Failure to comply will result in a fine and three points on the driver's record.

Motorists need to be alert for students darting into the street from between parked cars or improperly crossing the street

while walking or riding their bikes to school.

Students are reminded they must exercise caution for their own safety when boarding and riding the bus. PennDOT offers students the following school bus safety tips:

- Get to the bus stop five minutes early to avoid having to run across the road to catch the bus;

- Be sure to look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT to see that all cars have stopped;

- Avoid the School Bus Danger Zone - stay at least 10 giant steps away from the bus on all sides, so the bus driver can see you - if you drop something and it is close or under the bus be sure to tell the driver before you retrieve it;

- NEVER walk behind the school bus;



- When getting on and off the school bus, make sure all drawstrings and other loose objects are secure so they don't get caught in the handrail

or door;

- Talk quietly while on the bus, so the driver is not distracted; and

- Remain seated at all times and wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before exiting.

For more information about Pennsylvania's school bus stopping law, visit the School Bus Safety link at <http://www.dot.state.pa.us>.

A CADET'S SUMMER VACATION

Lt. J. Richards,
Admin Officer; 302

What did you do over your summer vacation? Cadet 2nd Lt. Zach Richards of the 302 Composite Squadron in New Cumberland, aimed high and fully utilized his summer to have a CAP inspired fun-filled summer vacation.

Just days after high school ended for summer break, Cadet Richards kicked off his summer with a trip to Maryland and a tour of the Annapolis Naval Academy. The tour of the Naval Academy was followed by a week-long intense tennis camp where Cadet Richards practiced tennis on the campus and bunked in the dorms of the Naval Academy. This provided Cadet Richards with an appreciation of life at the Annapolis Naval Academy, and a possible future career choice.

On the 17th of June, Cadet 2nd Lt. Richards received his Billy Mitchell Award. The award culminated nearly thirty months of hard, steady work in CAP. On the 21st of June, Cadet Richards and eight other cadets from

across the State of Pennsylvania gathered at the Venango County Airport to attend Pa Wing's week-long Powered Flight Encampment. Of the nine cadets to attend the encampment, Cadet Richards was one of five cadets to solo! That was a record number of cadets to solo during any Pa Wing Powered Flight encampment!

But that wasn't the end of an action-packed summer! Powered Flight Encampment was quickly followed up by a nine-day Hawk Mountain Ranger School Summer Encampment where search and rescue skills as well as valuable life-saving survival skills are learned. As a yellow-scarf Team Commander for the "Mike" Squadron, Cadet Richards was also able to achieve and earn his green-scarf by successfully passing the Field Medic exam.

At the end of July, Cadet Richards attended the week long Cadet Leadership School Encampment (CLS) at Ft. Indian-town Gap, acquiring a greater insight into the functioning of a squadron and learning valuable



C/2nd Lt Richards receives his Mitchell Award from Lt. Col Thomas Sexton, Cadet Aerospace Education Officer, Squadron 302.

leadership skills.

In mid August, and after attending the week long Appalachian Tennis camp, Cadet Richards boarded a jet and headed to California for the pinnacle of his summer vacation. Spending a day on a beautiful California beach along the Pacific Coast plus spending another day at Disneyland with your favorite Aunt and Uncle would have been a great end to any summer vacation. However, two more great surprises awaited Richards. First, he got to spend a day at Edwards Air Force Base, but then, he flew second-seat in a T-34a with CFI Alan Harkins! Alan Harkins provided Cadet Richards with hands-on, in-air instructions. Cadet Richards

was a quick study of the fast, highly maneuverable aircraft, and Alan permitted Cadet Richards to fly the WWII trainer to perform such aerobatic maneuvers as death spins, steep dives and barrel rolls exerting 3.6 to 4g's of force. A one-in-a-lifetime experience for any CAP Cadet or pilot enthusiast!

Cadet Richards is already busy planning another CAP inspired summer vacation for next year where he is planning on visiting the Air Force Academy in Colorado. His over-all goal; earn the Carl A. Spaatz Award, receive an Air Force Academy education and become a career pilot in the USAF. He is aiming high through the eyes of a U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, CAP Cadet.



C/2nd Lt. Richards and CFI Alan Harkins prepare for take-off in a T-34a at Edwards Air Force Base

GP2 Newsletter Submission Guidelines

Articles, story ideas, and queries may be submitted to Lt McCutcheon via the chain of command or by e-mail at gistek@ptd.net. Please include "CAP GP2 News" in the e-mail subject.

Items may be submitted as formatted or unformatted text within the body of the e-mail. Images may be submitted as attached jpg or pdf format files no larger than 1000K. No other type of attachment will be opened.

For more specific guidelines, please contact Lt McCutcheon.

GETTING YOUR SQUADRON ONLINE

Last month we presented an overview of some online facilities available to Civil Air Patrol units. Now that your unit has an e-mail address and webhosting service, what should be included on your website?

First of all, CAP Regulation 110-1 (E) requires CAP websites include the words "Civil Air Patrol" somewhere near the top of the site, with the unit's name immediately below it. This is required even if the unit's name appears in the site header itself. Many CAP websites do this by including the CAP Seal or CAP Shield image as part of the page header.

Additionally, the following disclaimer must be placed on any CAP website that contains links.

LINKS OR REFERENCES TO INDIVIDUALS OR COMPANIES DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ENDORSEMENT OF ANY INFORMATION, PRODUCT OR SERVICE YOU MAY RECEIVE FROM SUCH SOURCES.

Secondly, remember that children as young as twelve-years-old will be viewing your site on a regular basis. Therefore all content, including images, must be family rated.

The remainder of your site content and formatting will depend on your target audience and your Web Management Team.

The Target Audience is the group of people that you want to look at your website. You may be mainly interested in providing information to the members of your unit, or you may want to use your site as an outreach and recruitment tool. It is possible to do both with one site, but you

have to be careful to balance advertising with informing.

A site geared mainly to providing information to your unit is more likely to have week-to-week information about meetings, promotions, duty positions, and provide services that the unit's members can use.

A site primarily used to encourage the general public to visit your unit and hopefully join CAP will have to have more general information on the home page, as well as easy to find information on visiting your unit.

It is possible to do both. You can have a strong recruiting home page that also contains some of the most important week-to-week information. The page would also have a well organized, easy to use, system of links and sub-pages for visitors to navigate for more specific information they might seek.

The Web Management Team is the group of people who will handle the financial, technical, publishing, and editing aspects

of your website. It is possible for all three aspects to be handled by the same person, but this is not always an option.

The Financial Manager takes care of any expenses associated with the general operations of the website. This person will make payments for any domain names, web hosting, or other services the website requires. Expenses can then be submitted for reimbursement or may possibly be used for tax deductions (check with a qualified tax accountant to determine what expenses are tax deductible).

The Technical Manager handles domain redirecting, and web hosting.

The Publisher handles content oversight, online file maintenance, and uploading webpage files.

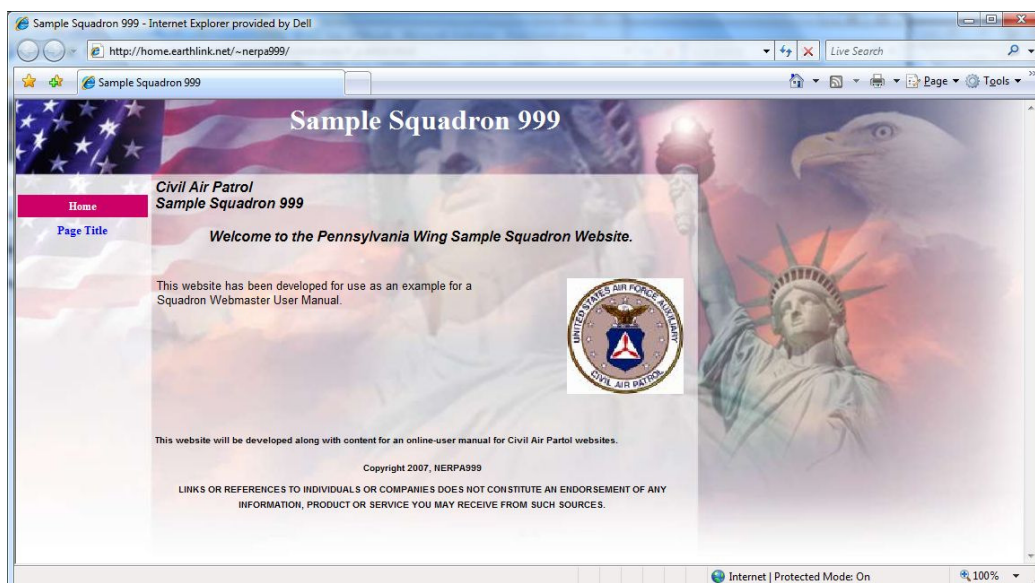
The Editing Team creates the website content. This person or team is responsible for what goes where on the website. Members of the editing team may also handle some publishing duties, like updating pages.

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Editors may also write the articles, take and crop the pictures, manage audio, and create other elements for the website.

Some of these positions can be filled by cadets, but the website management should be overseen by a senior officer.

1Lt Barbara McCutcheon
Webmaster, Squadron 304



Sample website showing required header information and disclaimer.

AFIADL 00013, CIVIL AIR PATROL SENIOR OFFICER COURSE

One of the requirements for promotion to Captain in the Civil Air Patrol is the completion of the Air Force Civil Air Patrol Senior Officer Course, also often referred to as the AFIADL-13 or ECI-13. This course must be requested from the Air University on their form AU-23. The course is not difficult, but it does require some time to read and review the materials before taking the test.

The e-services “AFIADL” link will take you to the Air University e-Campus Support page. From there you can follow the “AU Form 17 and 23” link to their Knowledge Base question with a link to the Air University home page (<http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/afiadl/>). The “IMTs & Forms” link on that page opens a list of forms. Choose the “AU 23 link (not the AU IMT 23 link) to open the pdf version of the form. This form can be filled out and printed, but not saved.

To complete the form you will need your Test Control Facility 9-digit zip code and shred number. This is available through the AFIADL “Site Index” link from their main page. Select “T” in the “Site Index” and open the Test Control Facility Listing link. This will open as an Excel spreadsheet file. Look for “CIVIL AIR PATROL PA WG” in the “ORGANIZATION” column and copy the numbers from the “TCF ZIP” and “SHRED” columns.

The Course Number is 00013 and its title is Civil Air Patrol Senior Officer Course. Fill in your Social Security number, a telephone number where you

can be reached during the day, and your name and mailing address in the appropriate boxes. Select Civil Air Patrol – 7 as the category. You do not have to enter anything under “Current Grade” or “Enrollment Code.” You are asked for a 9-digit Zip Code for your mailing address, but applications with 5-digit Zip Codes have been accepted.

Enter your Test Control Facility 9-digit Zip Code and 1-digit Shred in Item 10. Under “Comments” list your CAP ID, Squadron Commander and Wing Commander. Include e-mail addresses for both Squadron and Wing Commanders. Then enter your e-mail address and the date on which you are filing the request. Finally, print your completed form for your records, then click the Email Form link.

When your books arrive, be sure to enter the information from the errata sheets as instructed. These are important corrections and updates to the study material.

The course is divided into four books, and each book is divided into sections. There are questions at the end of each section and a multiple choice Unit Review Exercise (URE) at the end of each book. The package also comes with answer keys for the URE’s, so CAP members can check their review and work on any areas they had difficulties with. The section on communications makes frequent references to the “Tongue and Quill,” Air Force communication guide, which is available online at <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFH33-337.pdf>

A set of practice quizzes for the AFIADL 00013 course is available online through the Lancaster Squadron website, <http://www.squadron304.us> “AFIADL 13” link. These quizzes contain the questions from the UREs. They are set with a passing grade of 65% just like the actual exam. While passing all four of these quizzes does not guarantee passing the actual exam, they are an effective way to identify areas where the student needs to study more.

Request the exam about a month before you plan to take it by going to the “Ask a Question/Request” tab on the AFIADL e-Campus Support page. In the “Comment/Request” box enter your name, the last 4 digits of your SSN, “Course 00013 - Civil Air Patrol Senior Officer Course” and “Request Course Exam be sent to Test Control Facility” <your TCF zip code and shred number> .

The AFIADL will mail a notification card to you when they send your exam. After you receive that card, you contact your AFIADL Testing Officer to schedule a time and location to take the test.

The exam is multiple choice, and almost all of the questions are taken directly from the Unit Review Exercise. The few that are not directly from the UREs are variations on questions that are in the UREs. Once the exam begins, you are not permitted to ask any questions, so be sure you understand the instructions before you accept the test.

One thing not mentioned in the instructions is the presence of crossed out questions. There

are several questions in the URE’s that do not have correct answers. If they are included in your exam, they will be shown with a line through the text. You don’t have to answer these questions. In most cases, one of the answers given was correct at one time, but has changed since the last time the course was updated.

A set of practice quizzes for the AFIADL 00013 course is available online through the Lancaster Squadron website, <http://www.squadron304.us> “AFIADL 13” link.

After you complete the test and check your answers and identification information, your AFIADL Testing Officer will send your exam to be graded. This might take several weeks. If you pass the exam you will receive a diploma and a post card with your score from the Air University. You Be sure to inform your Unit Professional Development Officer so that your information can be properly recorded.

1Lt Barbara McCutcheon
Squadron 304

PA WING ADMINISTRATOR POSITION OPEN

Job Title: PA Wing Administrator

Salary: \$16.24 an hour

Location: Ft. Indiantown Gap in Annville, PA

Reports to: NHQ CFO/Dotted Line Responsibilities to Wing Commander

Closing date: 14 September 2008

Job ID # PAWA

Wing Administrator. Works independently to provide administrative and program support to the Wing Commander. Maintains financial and personnel records to ensure Wing compliance with Headquarters' and government requirements are met. Develops, maintains, and updates filing system for the Wing. Retrieves information from files. Formulates procedures for systematic retention, protection, retrieval, transfer and disposal of records. Assists in planning official business conferences and organizing wing meetings. Assists Wing staff with processing registrations for

various Wing sponsored activities. Assists the Wing Director of Operations and Operations staff in developing and implementing annual training plans. Designs and implements methods to insure the timely processing of reimbursements from CAP National Headquarters and others. Assists the Logistics Officer in taking inventories, identifying surplus or excess material, and disposal of supplies and equipment. Establishes and maintains records and processes necessary to ensure compliance with Headquarters' and government directives related to payroll, safety, and employee-related programs.

Requirements

The ideal candidates will possess:

- High school diploma/ equivalence required
- Must have two years of verifiable experience in an administrative position demonstrating attention to detail in accurately composing, preparing, and proofing written material to meet established deadlines

while juggling multiple competing priorities.

- Must have excellent Microsoft Office skills including a solid working knowledge of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- Must be able to compose non-technical correspondence using a strong command of the English language and proper punctuation.
- Knowledge of administrative procedures and practices relating to files required.
- Must have experience operating office equipment such as copier and fax machine.
- Job requires a high level of interpersonal skills including poise, tact, and diplomacy.
- Ability to work occasional

short-notice overtime required.

- Knowledge of Civil Air Patrol preferred.
- Ability to adapt correspondence to standard Air Force guidelines desired.
- Experience with web page design and update desired.
- Associates Degree preferred
- Bookkeeping experience preferred

To apply, visit our [website](http://www.cap.gov/visitors/employment/wing_administrator_pawa/) to complete and submit our online employment application. A resume may be submitted in addition to a completed application by faxing to 334-953-9906 or via-email to hr@capnhq.gov. This position does not offer a relocation package. No phone calls please. EOE

http://www.cap.gov/visitors/employment/wing_administrator_pawa/

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE AEROSPACE EDUCATION SEMINAR

The Aerospace Education Seminar at Wing Conference. Will be held in the large room G-3 and promises valuable and "good training" on Aerospace topics which as you know closely aligns with Cadet Programs.

Anybody and everybody is welcome to attend. Major Jacquie Sturgess the NER- DAE will be our guest. Her specialty is AEX programs with Rocketry major emphasis.

We'll have static displays of AEX projects that can be done at Sqd level. Other topics are 215 specialty track testing briefing and the Yeager Award test Briefing.

We plan some interesting promotional handouts or giveaways for full 2 hr attendance between 3 & 5 PM Saturday.

1Lt. Dave Briddell,
Aerospace Officer, Group 2

WING CONFERENCE COMING UP

Don't forget the Wing Conference is coming up. On-line registration is available through the [Wing Conference website](http://www.cap.gov/visitors/employment/wing_administrator_pawa/).

This year's theme is Celebrate TEAM CAP!

Friday evening is reserved for signing in and relaxing.

General Assembly will commence at 0900 on Saturday, 27 September 2008.

Saturday afternoon will be filled with Lab / Workshops, Focus Rooms, and Roundtables de-

signed to help CAP Senior Members progress in their specialty track and duty positions.

These activities will be followed by a Chaplains' Service.

Attendees can round out their Saturday with the Awards Banquet or the Cadet Pool Party.

The Commanders Call is scheduled for Sunday morning.

So come on out to the Wing Conference to meet, mingle, and mentor with other members of PA Wing's Team CAP.

UPCOMING GROUP 2 ACTIVITIES

I wanted to make sure you know about two of the Group 2 activities that are coming up.

(1) Group 2 Drill Team

(2) Mission Scanner Class.

-- See details for activities below.

I also want to encourage you to sign up for the Group 2 webpage. The link is

www.gp2.pawg.cap.gov. This is the best place to keep up with Group 2 information. Also my email was down for the last 4 days, so if you emailed me about one of the activities, I did not receive it. I hope this information is helpful and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Brandon Parks, Major, CAP
Deputy Commander, Group 2

(1) We are starting the Group 2 Drill Team. Practice will be from 0900 to 1700 on the 1st Saturday of every month. Practice will be at the Air National Guard-192 Special Operations Wing, Harrisburg International Airport in building 82. Uniform will be running gear. You will also need to bring your drill shoes or a hard sole shoe to drill in. To sign up, e-mail me at parks@brandonparks.com. Lt Col Greenfield will be in charge of the Group 2 Drill Team. For any questions about the Drill Team, contact Lt Col Greenfield at dgreen9259@comcast.net. For updates about the Drill Team go

to the group 2 web page at www.gp2.pawg.cap.gov/. You will need to register and log in to see the Drill Team page. The first practice will be Sept 6th 2008.

(2) On Friday the 12th of Sept 2008, Group 2 will be hosting a Mission Scanner (MS) Class in York, PA. The class will be from 1800 to 2130. You must preregister to attend the class by e-mailing me at parks@brandonparks.com. The class will be held at 460 Fisher Dr, York PA, Major Parks' house. You must have an Specialty Qualification Training Record (SQTR) for Mission Scanner and complete all prerequisites with your Unit/Wing/

Region Commander Authorized Designee's Signature to attend. The SQTR must be brought with you to class. We will cover all of the Familiarization and Preparatory Training so that you will be authorized to serve in that specialty (MS) while supervised on training or actual missions. You must also bring with you and read through all of the tasks for Familiarization and Preparatory Training found in the Aircraft & Flightline Task Guide before attending the class. There will be no cost for the class. After completing the class I will help you set up flight time with Mission Pilots to complete the advanced training on the SQTR.

FILLING SENIOR POSITIONS

A lot of emphasis is placed on reaching out to middle and high school age children to join the cadet program. While this is a good thing, it's also important to remember their parents. Many times the decision to join the cadet program hinges on the amount of time parents are willing to devote to driving their son or daughter to and from meetings and activities. In some cases, the drive to the meeting takes so much time that it's not worth going home between drop-off and pick-up. These parents are often very receptive to the idea of working for the squadron.

Squadron commanders and recruitment officers should keep their unit's personnel needs in mind. Many of these positions can be filled by the parents of your cadets. When talking with

parents, let them know that CAP can be a family activity, and that there are many parent/child members. Then be prepared for the excuses.

Many parents don't want to be leaders. For some, this is because they don't feel comfortable leading teens, and others already have enough leadership duties in their work that they don't want to add any more. Fortunately, most CAP senior members are not leaders, especially not early in their CAP career. There are even duty positions that require little to no direct contact with the cadets. For these parents, emphasize the openings your squadron has for office and program support personnel.

Another common excuse is lack of time. Although it's a valid

point, these parents usually don't want to know how busy you are while still finding time for CAP duties. Instead, let them know that not all duties require that they be present for every meeting or activity. Many duty positions require their presence only one or two meetings per month. This would be perfect for families that trade off driving responsibilities with other cadets' families.

For those parents that don't know how to do any of the jobs you have open, let them know that you will help them find mentors from other units to help them learn what they need to know, and that whatever they can do will be helpful. After all, a PAO officer that only knows how to send press releases to local newspapers is better than no PAO at all.

CAP can be a family activity, and that there are many parent/child members.

In a few cases the cadet might be the one to object. Usually he or she doesn't want to have a parent as his or her leader. As with parents that don't want to be leaders, let the cadet know that there are many duty positions their parent could help with that do not include direct leadership. While the parent might occasionally teach a class, or work with his or her child on a project, these are likely to be the exception rather than the rule.

1Lt. Barbara McCutcheon

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

During August, four new cadets and three new senior members joined squadrons in our group.

Cadet Dain A Bomberger and Senior Member Christopher M Ingle joined the Jesse Jones Composite Squadron 304.

Cadet Mackenzie L Lawton joined the York Composite Squadron 301.

Cadet David J Nazzaro and Senior Member Scott A Faulkner joined the Capital City Composite Squadron 302.

Cadet Brycen T Loeper joined the Lebanon VFW Cadet Squadron 307

Group 2 extends a warm welcome to our new members.

PA021 NEWS

Our Squadron helped the Park Rangers again at the York County Balloon Fest. The cadets parked cars, flight line control and helped the rangers with night security. The seniors and parents ran a hot dog stand. Proceeds are used to purchase oil to heat our building.

Major James Eiben attended Region Staff College in preparation to advance to Lt. Col. in June and also he attended Wing Encampment. In August Major Eiben took over command of our Squadron. Thanks to the many years given by Capt Gregory Bollinger as Commander of Squadron 301. Capt Bollinger will remain as EXO and will now be able to pursue other advancement avenues in CAP.

Our Squadron had three cadets attend Encampment, and one cadet at CLS. We had three

slated to attend CLS but with the change in dates to the same as encampment, there was only one able to attend. All 4 cadets gave good AAR's reports on their time at Encampment & CLS. One did mention that the food could have been a little better. Also during that time we had 2 cadets travel with Capt Pompeii to the air show at Oshkosh.

Aug 30 we had our annual Squadron picnic. Of course there was lots of food & games. At the picnic we had a special honor to 1st Lt Abigail L. Bollinger (DCC) who is putting down her CAP hat for a year, putting on her Sergeant's hat with the PA National Guard and is leaving with the Stryker Brigade for a tour of duty in Iraq.

1st Lt Gail Bollinger,
Admin Officer

CADET EARNS EAKER AWARD

Cadet Lt. Col. Andrew Redcay received his certificate of completion for the Eaker award on Monday, 25 August 2008.

C/Lt. Col. Redcay is Cadet Commander of the Jesse Jones Composite Squadron 304 in Lancaster County.

Lt. Col. Hopper,
Deputy Commander for Cadets,
Squadron 304



Lt Col Hopper presents Eaker award to C/Lt Col Redcay

ASSIGNMENT, GROUP 2

A big thank-you to everyone who supplied articles for this newsletter.

This is YOUR newsletter, and we want to include as much as possible from our Group 2 members.

For the October issue we would like to include articles about why you joined the Civil Air Patrol, and what you like the most about the program.

This can be as little as a paragraph, or even an entire article.

Please include your name, rank, and unit with your submission.

AOL USER ISSUE

Last month we received a request from AOL to discontinue sending our newsletter to AOL users. We were informed that this is because someone reported our e-mail as spam.

After receiving the request we e-mailed our AOL e-mail members to inform them of the request and to ask those who wish to receive the e-mail to "Opt-In" to our mailing list.

Paragraphs and articles may be e-mailed directly to the editor at gistek@ptd.net or submitted through your chain of command.

Hand written papers, and scans of handwritten papers are acceptable, but text in an e-mail is preferred.

Pictures are very welcome. Please list those in the picture and include a description of the activity that the picture is from.

Due Date for paper and scanned submissions is 20 September 2008. Text e-mails will be accepted until 25 September 2008

The e-mail addresses of AOL members that did not respond and those who requested removal from the list have been placed in the "Opt-Out" file and will not receive this newsletter via e-mail.

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GROUP 2 STAFF

Commander	Lt Col Byron Marshall
Deputy Commander	Maj Brandon Parks
Aerospace Education Officer	1st Lt David Briddell
Administrative Officer	Open
Cadet Programs Officer	Maj Brandon Parks
Cadet Special Activities Officer	1st Lt Jeff Case
Chaplain.....	Open
Communications Officer	Capt Don Inscho
Communication Licensing Officer	1st Lt Carlton Walls
Finance Officer	Maj Becky Wilson
Inspector General.....	Open
Legal Officer	Open
Logistics Officer.....	Open
Maintenance Officer	Capt Daniel Sheetz
Medical Officer	Open
Operations Officer	Open
Operations, Drug Demand Reduction Officer.....	Lt Col Orville Schwanger
Operations, Emergency Services Officer	1st Lt Tim Roth
Operations, Emergency Services Officer	Maj Steve Wilson
Operations, Standardization and Evaluation Officer	Lt Col Chuck Bechtel
Personnel Officer.....	Open
Plans & Programs Officer	Open
Professional Development Officer	Open
Public Affairs Officer	1st Lt Barbara McCutcheon
Recruiting Officer	Open
Safety Officer	1st Lt Jeff Case
Safety Officer, Assistant.....	1st Lt Edwin Jones

*If you are interested in applying for any of the open staff positions, please contact Maj Brandon Parks at parks@brandonparks.com

CALENDAR

- **Group 2 Drill Team Practice:** 6 Sep 08
- **Unit Commander's Course:** 6-7 Sep 08: FIG
- **Mission Scanner Class:** 12 Sep 08
- **Group 2 Staff Meeting:** 13 Sep 08
- **PA Wing Conference:** 26-28 Sep 08: Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey
- **Group 2 Drill Team Practice:** 4 Oct 08
- **Squadron Leadership School:** 18-19 Oct 08: FIG
- **Group 2 Staff X (ES):** 25 Oct 08: Location TBA: IC Lt Col Bechtel

Please send information about upcoming unit events and activities that are open to our members to Group 2 PAO, 1st Lt Barbara McCutcheon at gistek@ptd.net

